REMARKS

<u>Rejection of claims 10 and 35-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101</u>

The Examiner rejected claims 10 and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 10 and 35-37 have been canceled herein. As a result, the Examiner's rejection of these claims need not be addressed.

<u>Rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-32, and 34-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkelacker</u>

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-16, 18-21, 23-24, 26-32, and 34-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkelacker. Each of these claims is addressed below.

<u>Claims 1, 11, 18, 27, and 38</u>

Each of independent claims 1, 11, 18, 27 and 38 have been amended herein to recite that the automatic collection and writing of information relating to a source of the user-selected information in the second field of the paste buffer occurs *without further input from the user*. In other words, the information relating to the source of the user-selected information is generated automatically without user input when the user-selected information is written to the first field. In Dinkelacker, the user first copies selected information to the control pallette. Next, the user may specify tags or other information to append to the information. The addition of information to the buffer is a manual operation performed by the user. The only function that is performed automatically in Dinkelacker as a result of copying the user-selected item to the buffer is the display of the control pallette. Nowhere does Dinkelacker teach or suggest the automatic collection and writing of information relating to a source of the user-selected information without

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further input from the user when the user-selected information is written to the first field. For this reason, claims 1, 11, 18, 27 and 38 are allowable over Dinkelacker.

Claims 2-4, 6, 12, 13, 19-21, 28-32, 39 and 40

Claims 2-4 and 6 depend on claim 1, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 12 and 13 depend on claim 11, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 19-21 depend on claim 18, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 28-32 depend on claim 27, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 39 and 40 depend on claim 38, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, each of claims 2-4, 6, 12, 13, 19-21, 28-32, 39 and 40 are allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

Claims 7, 15, 23, and 41

Claim 23 recites:

> 23. A computer-implemented method for using information stored in first and second fields in a paste buffer, the method comprising the steps of:
> inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document;
> processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes information from the second field.

In rejecting claim 23, the Examiner states that Dinkelacker discloses processing the information in the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one paste preference, citing col. 5, lines 1-13; col. 4 lines 29-37 and figure 4 of Dinkelacker, and stating that writing the file names or attributes attached to the selected text into the destination files where the user preferences in #410

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and #407 of figure 4 determine how the selected text is presented in the destination document. Applicants forcefully assert that the cited portions of Dinkelacker do not read on the cited limitations in claim 23, namely:

> processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference . . .

The cited language in Dinkelacker does not process information in the control pallette buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation. For this reason alone, claim 23 is allowable over Dinkelacker.

In the rejection, the Examiner admits that Dinkelacker does not disclose automatically creating a citation according to the paste preference. This language taken together with the language earlier in the rejection results in the following conclusion by the Examiner: Dinkelacker teaches processing information in the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one paste preference, but does not teach the automatic creation of the citation. The two parts of the rejection taken together show the fault in the Examiner's logic. Applicants strongly assert that if Dinkelacker does not disclose automatically creating a citation according to a paste preference, as admitted by the Examiner, Dinkelacker cannot teach processing information in the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference.

The Examiner provides some convoluted logic that a user could include an event of creating a citation based on the author name and file name taught in Dinkelacker. However, the Examiner's own language teaches away from the express limitations in claim 23. If a user defines an event of creating a citation in Dinkelacker, as suggested by the Examiner, the creation of the citation is an operation performed at the request of the user. As a result, the creation of a citation in Dinkelacker cannot read on the processing

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of information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to *automatically create* a citation according to at least one specified paste preference. Even assuming for the sake of argument that it would be obvious for a user to define a "create citation" function in Dinkelacker, this user-invoked function expressly teaches away from the automatic determination of whether or not to create a citation as recited in claim 23. Applicants forcefully assert that Dinkelacker does not teach, suggest or render obvious the "processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference", and the subsequent automatic creation of the citation, as recited in claim 23. For these reasons, claim 23 is allowable over Dinkelacker.

Claims 7, 15 and 41 include limitations similar to those discussed above in claim 23. As a result, each of claims 7, 15 and 41 are allowable for the reasons given above for the allowability of claim 23.

Claims 8, 16, 24, 26, and 42-44

Claim 8 depends on claim 7, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 16 depends on claim 15, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 24 and 26 depend on claim 23, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claims 42-44 depend on claim 41, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, each of claims 8, 16, 24, 26, and 42-44 are allowable as depending on allowable independent claims.

Rejection of claims 5, 9, 14, 17, 22, 25, 33 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkelacker in view of Nielsen

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 9, 14, 17, 22, 25, 33 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dinkelacker in view of Nielsen. Claim 5 depends on claim 3, which depends on claim 1, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 9 depends on claim 7, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 14 depends on claim 12, which depends on claim 11, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 17 depends on claim 15, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 22 depends on claim 18, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 25 depends on claim 23, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 33 depends on claim 31, which depends on claim 27, which is allowable for the reasons given above. Claim 45 depends on claim 41, which is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, each of claims 5, 9, 14, 17, 22, 25, 33 and 45 are allowable as depending on allowable independent claims.
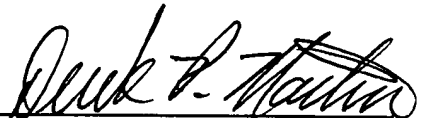
New claims 46-48

Claims 46-48 are new claims that are added herein. Each of these claims recite the automatic generation of a footnote from information in a paste buffer. Neither Dinkelacker nor Nielsen nor their combination teach or suggest the automatic generation of a footnote from information in a paste buffer. As a result, new claims 46-48 are allowable over Dinkelacker, Nielsen and their combination.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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